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Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
April 15, 2019
8:30 a.m., Room 414

In consideration of
GM 608, Suzanne Case
as the
Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming Suzanne Case as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Since becoming chair in 2015, Suzanne has focused on good government, inclusion, and implementation of my Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative. She came to DLNR after spending almost 30 years at The Nature Conservancy, serving as the organization's executive director of the Hawai'i Program as well as the Western and Asia/Pacific regional counsel. In addition, Suzanne practiced real estate transactions law at the law firm of Pettit & Martin in San Francisco after receiving her law degree from Hastings College of the Law, University of California, San Francisco. Case attended Williams College and Stanford University, where she graduated with a B.A. in History.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I'm confident that Suzanne Case will continue to support the employees in the DLNR in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
ROBERT MASUDA
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, April 15, 2019
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 608
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
SUZANNE D. CASE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-31-2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports Governor's Message 608 nominating Suzanne D. Case as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), for a term to expire at noon on December 31, 2022.

Chair Case has been the steersperson of the Department since 2015 when she courageously left The Nature Conservancy to take the helm at Department. During her tenure, she has been instrumental in leading the State for following goals under the umbrella of the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative:

Protect 30% of priority watersheds by 2030.
Effectively manage 30% of nearshore ocean waters by 2030
Implement the interagency biosecurity plan by 2027

In addition, the State of Hawaii, under the leadership and staffing of the Department, hosted the 2016 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress. This was the first IUCN meeting held in the United States. The successful conference, which attracted participation worldwide, was done under budget.

A complete list of achievements during Chair Case's time at the Department is attached (Attachment 1). Highlights include:

Watershed Management/Biosecurity

SUZANNE D. CASE
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CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

A collaborative and timely response to Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death. 'Ōhi'a trees are one of the foundational trees of Hawai'i's native forests. Rapid 'Ōhi'a death threatens these forests which are critical to the islands' water supply. Under Chair Case's leadership, staff from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, in partnership with the University of Hawai'i and other partners were able to successfully identify the vector, do in-field containment trials, establish an inter-island quarantine and outreach to the public to minimize transportation. Research continues on how to prevent Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death.

Aquatic Resources

Established the Hā'ena, Kaua'i Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area and the Ka'ūpūlehu, Kona, "Try Wait" ten year community-based fishing rest area. Both have been successful in increasing fish counts in the restricted fishing area and the areas immediately adjacent.

Water

Established instream flow standards for dozens of streams in East Maui, Waimea Kaua'i, Nā Wai 'Ehā, and West Maui, through completion of contested cases, mediated settlement in new litigation, and staff-initiated action. Also established additional water reservations for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in 23 surface and ground water hydrologic units in both designated and non-designated water management areas statewide.

Public Lands/Waters

Undertook enforcement and safety control actions for illegal public activity on state lands and waters driven by social media, including raves, floatillas, illegal harvesting, illegal camping and natural and resource cultural damage.

Open Records

Digitizing department records. Projects include all land conveyance records since 1845 (completed), 1/3 of the library at the State Historic Preservation Division, developed the Public Land Trust Information System, a GIS based program for information of public lands.

Enforcement

Implemented the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) academy to provide consistent training for DOCARE officers. Six officers graduated in the first class. A large recruiting class of Conservation Resource Enforcement Officer I's will attend the second academy.

Climate Change

Co-chair for the Interagency Climate Adaption Committee. The Department staffs this very important committee.

The administration of Suzanne Case has made significant strides in managing our public lands and natural and cultural resources for the benefit of residents and visitors to Hawai'i. Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Governor's Message 608, nominating Suzanne D. Case as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

ATTACHMENT 1

Achievements of the Case/Masuda administration at the Department of Land and Natural Resources under the umbrella goals of the Sustainable Hawaii Initiative, 2015-2019.

Protect 30% of priority watersheds by 2030

- Nearly 40,000 more acres of priority watershed forests have been protected, bringing us closer to the Sustainable Hawaii Initiative Goal of 30% of our watershed forests protected by 2030.
- Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death collaborative response: identification of the vector, island-wide surveys, in-field testing, in-field containment trials, inter-island quarantine, outreach to minimize transport
- Planted a quarter-million trees.
- Completed Lehua Island Restoration Project, pending confirmation of success.
- Established hunter access in Ka'ū and shooting range on Saddle Road
- Legacy Lands: provided matching funding to protect important natural and cultural lands statewide including Turtle Bay, Helemano, Kānēwai Spring, Ka 'Iwi mauka, Pupukea mauka, Pu'ukua, Makahanaloa, Waipā, Pua'ahala Watershed, Kalua'aha Ranch

Effectively manage 30% of nearshore ocean waters by 2030

- Passed emergency, then permanent rules, limiting commercial take of sea cucumbers, heading off a significant emerging threat to Hawai'i's reefs from foreign-driven over-harvest
- Established the Hā'ena, Kaua'i, Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area
- Established the Ka'ūpūlehu, Kona, Hawai'i, "Try Wait" ten-year community-based fishing rest area
- Produced the first-ever statewide Coral Bleaching Recovery Plan
- Worked with marine scientists to create the first consolidated statewide marine monitoring data set, making Hawai'i one of the most data rich marine areas in the world
- Supported expansion of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument
- Completed Kaho'olawe near-shore monitoring, confirming the two-mile managed fishing area as the highest fish biomass in the state
- Established a new state coral nursery to provide "insurance" for lost or damaged reef using large native corals being grown using fast-growth protocol
- Passed coral rules to enable Division of Aquatic Resources regulation of impacts to corals from private sector projects
- Initiated the Statewide 30x30 Marine Planning process

Implement the interagency biosecurity plan by 2027

- Completed Hawaii's first interagency biosecurity planning process, utilizing expert review of biosecurity capacity gaps and input from impacted industries and the public
- Completed operational phase of an interagency response to little fire ants on O'ahu, with no new detections in Mililani in over two years

- Maintained the interagency coconut rhinoceros beetle response, containing the infestation to south O‘ahu
- Launched a new public pest reporting tool at 643pest.org and on mobile devices to allow the public to report various types of invasive species and be connected to the appropriate responding agency
- Began funding biological control development for invasive albizia trees
- Provided field response and research related to Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death
- Affirmed support for developing technologies to achieve landscape-scale control of mosquitoes to mitigate human and avian disease transmission

Protect and more efficiently manage our fresh water supply.

- Facilitated a mediated settlement that will immediately restore continuous flows in the Waimea River in Koke‘e, Kaua‘i, as well as provide the opportunity for a renewable energy project, water for Hawaiian homesteading, and farming
- Amended the interim instream flow standards for 27 surface water hydrologic units in East Maui through a contested case hearing
- Amended the interim instream flow standards for Nā Wai ‘Ehā, Island of Maui, through a mediated agreement
- Amended the interim instream flow standard for the surface water hydrologic unit of Waimea, Island of Kaua‘i through a mediated agreement
- Amended the interim instream flow standard for the surface water hydrologic units of Ukumehame, Olowalu, Launiupoko, and Kaua‘ula, Island of Maui through the Commission on Water Resource Management-initiated action
- Established additional water reservations for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in 23 surface and ground water hydrologic units in both designated and non-designated water management areas statewide

Provide state lands for public use and enjoyment.

- Kalalau Valley and Nā Pali State Wilderness Area repeated enforcements and cleanups
- Enhanced enforcements and cleanups
- Increased evening and weekend enforcements by DOCARE
- In cooperation with the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority, installed bar-coded public information signs at key Department-managed public access points.
- Over 140,000 hours of community volunteer service donated – equal to over 78 FTEs.
- Over 220,000 hours of youth intern service contributed – equal to about 125 FTEs.
- 70,000 hours of community volunteer service on Kaho‘olawe
- Implemented day-use mooring program to prevent harm to corals statewide by boats.
- Waikīkī – Ka‘anapali partnerships with hotels to re-nourish beaches and enforcement of shoreline accessibility through clearing of encroaching vegetation
- Launched audio tours of Diamond Head State Park with partner Pacific Historic Parks
- Expanded Citizen Forester urban forestry program

- Established hunter access easement in Ka‘ū; negotiated extensions of hunting area agreements on Lāna‘i and Kaua‘i; established the Statewide Game Management Advisory Commission; launched online hunter education hybrid course option; established a shooting range on Saddle Road, Hawai‘i Island
- Capital improvement and maintenance projects statewide for parks, small boat harbors, boat ramps, and trails
- Undertook enforcement and safety control actions for illegal public activity on state lands and waters driven by social media including raves, floatillas, illegal harvest, natural and cultural resource damage
- Finalized Hā‘ena State Park Master Plan; implementation begun
- Flood response, Hā‘ena, Kalalau/Nā Pali, Wailua River, ‘Iao Valley

Open Government

- Established the Revocable Permit Task Force to review the process of issuing revocable permits for use of state lands and began implementing recommendations for best practices to ensure the process serves the public trust and provides transparency, inclusiveness and consistency. Focus on:
 - Open and transparent renewal process, through separate annual BLNR reviews by county and detailed list of permit information
 - Fair access to the opportunity
 - Fair price
 - Move to convert to long-term leases where appropriate
- Digitized all land conveyance records at the Bureau of Conveyances since 1845.
 - Publicly accessible online from 1992
 - Accessible at the Bureau of Conveyances from 1845.
 - Major expansion of e-recording accessibility allowing electronic recording to substantially replace paper recording over time.
- Digitized 1/3 of the library at the State Historic Preservation Office. Smart phone app for documenting historic buildings.
- Established “DLNR and You” campaign to include everyone in the kuleana (responsibility) of helping mālama (to care for) our limited and precious natural and cultural resources. Created “Citizen Conservationist” award to acknowledge members of the public who assist the department in fulfilling its mission of protecting the natural and cultural resources of Hawai‘i nei.
- Completed the court-ordered contested case proceeding for the Mauna Kea Thirty Meter Telescope. The Board of Land and Natural Resources voted 5-2 to approve the permit to build the telescope.
- Built Kaho‘olawe app linking to all digital library online including photos, reports, archives
- Launched DLNRTip app for reporting natural and cultural resource violations
- Launched mobile-friendly trails website and Ka‘ena Point online permits
- Withdrew plan for additional offshore moorings at Keauhou Bay, Kona, following environmental assessment review

- Hosted the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Committee, provided information online, and produced Hawai‘i’s first-ever Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report
- Completed architectural survey of neighborhoods around the state to identify old-time buildings, structures and places that distinguish our unique Hawai‘i identity
- Developed and launched the online publicly accessible Public Land Trust Information System

Host Culture

- Successfully advocated to add Office of Hawaiian Affairs as a co-trustee of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument
- Hosted 125 native Hawaiian interns in Kaho‘olawe Hui Kapehe internship partnership with Alu Like and UH Maui, focusing on conservation and natural and cultural resource management training.
- Engaged collaboratively with State Aha Moku Advisory Committee representatives and cultural practitioners in state parks and lands and waters statewide including Lipoa, ‘Iao, He‘eia, Hā‘ena, Kealakekua, Makua, Kahana
- Established a streamlined permit process for restoration of loko ‘ia, Hawaiian fishponds

Renewable Energy

- Completed project for 100% renewable energy at Kaho‘olawe
- Established urban forestry cost-share grant program to help schools plant trees to cool schools

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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

APRIL 15, 2019
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 414

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 608
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, SUZANNE D. CASE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2022**

Chairperson Kahele and Members of the Committee:

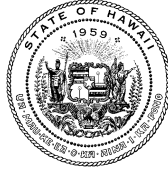
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 608, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Gubernatorial Nominee, Suzanne D. Case, for a term to expire 12-31-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Ms. Case has been serving as the Chair for DLNR for the past four (4) years. Her extensive knowledge and background with natural resources and conservation is second to none. She has worked with the Department of Agriculture on various issues and we will look to continue that close partnership moving forward with issues such as invasive species and agricultural lands and leases.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY
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AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
ON
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019, 8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 414, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 608

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **SUZANNE D. CASE**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-31-2022.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 608. I strongly support the nomination of **MS. SUZANNE D. CASE** to the position of Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

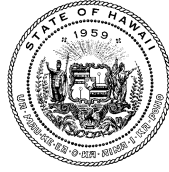
I have known the nominee off and on during the years but more so since her April 2015 appointment to be Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Suzanne Case is a “house hold name” in The Nature Conservancy groups. She tirelessly worked, directly and through collaboration, for land protection and coastal/marine conservations.

Ms. Case currently oversees Hawaii’s forestry & wildlife, freshwater, conservation and coastal regulation, ocean recreation, and climate challenges. Her focus on good government is an asset to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and to the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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TO THE
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WATER AND LAND

APRIL 15, 2019, 8:30 A.M.
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G.M. 608
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, SUZANNE D. CASE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-31-2022

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 608. I support the nomination of Ms. Case to the position of Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Case has served as Chair of DLNR since April 2015. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy. In addition, Ms. Case served as Western and Asia/Pacific Regional Counsel for the Nature Conservancy.

Ms. Case's professional experience in conservation and law qualifies her to continue to serve as Chair of DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
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April 12, 2019

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
For Hearing on Monday, April 15, 2019
8:30 a.m., Conference Room 414

By

RYKER WADA
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Governor's Message 608
(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

RE: Consideration and confirmation of Suzanne D. Case as Chair for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Suzanne Case as Chair for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Case over the past two years as Chair. I have found her to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, measured and a well-prepared person who is well suited for the position of Chair for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I support the confirmation of Ms. Suzanne Case as the Chair for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 608 and Suzanne Case.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 608,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SUZANNE D. CASE.

by

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Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Monday, April 15, 2019; 8:30 a.m.
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Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the nomination of Suzanne Case as the Chair, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). PSD believes that her decades long experience in environmental law and management, and management of large organizations, at both The Nature Conservancy and DLNR make her eminently qualified to continue leading the Department.

PSD respectfully urges the Committee on Water and Land to advise and consent on the nomination of Suzanne Case as the Chair of DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
RODERICK K. BECKER
AND
ROBERT YU

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 608

April 15, 2019
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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SUZANNE D. CASE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-31-2022.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

We strongly support the appointment of Suzanne Case to the position of chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (department). We are working with Ms. Case in our professional capacities as Director and Deputy Director of Finance, respectively.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Ms. Case is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Ms. Case has served as Chair of the department since April 2015, and prior to that she worked for The Nature Conservancy for 28 years as the executive director from 2001-2015 and Western and Asia/Pacific Regional Counsel from 1987-2001. Her work experience and knowledge of the department will benefit the State; therefore, we support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Statement of
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Monday, April 15, 2019
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in consideration of
GM 608

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE D. CASE, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee.

I **support** the appointment of **Suzanne D. Case** to serve as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

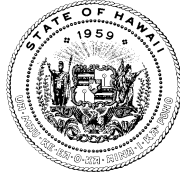
Since 2015, Ms. Case has led the DLNR as the Director while overseeing 11 divisions and a staff of more than 1,000 while adhering to the department's mission to enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources. In this position and her previous 28-year tenure at The Nature Conservancy, she has protected and preserved Hawaii's natural resources so that generations could experience the best of Hawaii. She will continue to bring direction to the department and commitment to the position and her leadership will benefit the people of Hawaii.

For these reasons, I urge her confirmation for the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
HEARING ON APRIL 15, 2019 AT 8:30 AM IN CR 414

IN SUPPORT OF

GM608

for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Land and
Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **SUZANNE D. CASE**,
for a term to expire 12-31-2022

April 15, 2019

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Governor Ige's nomination of Suzanne D. Case as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Under Ms. Case's leadership, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has worked collaboratively with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) on several complex projects, achieving historic milestones that have helped to advance DHHL's mission. These projects have included:

- (1) the historic Mediation Agreement for the Waimea Watershed Area. This historic agreement between Po'ai Wai Ola/West Kauai Watershed Alliance, DHHL, Kauai Island Utility Commission (KIUC), ADC (Agribusiness Development Corporation), and Kekaha Agriculture Association addresses the use of water in the Waimea/Kehaha area of Kauai. This agreement and the process followed to reach this agreement provides a tangible model and approach that balances competing public, private, and trust uses for an important trust resource, water.
- (2) The Update to the State Water Projects Plan. This update, a complicated task, identifies DHHL's water needs for the foreseeable future (e.g. a 20-year time frame) statewide. Approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources

was achieved during Ms. Case's tenure as Director. Based on this Update, DHHL's ground water needs can now be calculated.

- (3) Finally, approval of water reservations for DHHL's groundwater needs statewide. Approval of these groundwater reservations was provided by the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) in September 2018. This approval was significant for DHHL's future because it protects DHHL's groundwater needs into the future.

Prior to her appointment as Director of DLNR, Ms. Case gained extensive experience in conservation with her work at The Nature Conservancy. She is committed to her kuleana to care for Hawaii's natural and cultural resources, and is a passionate advocate for seeking solutions to the complex problems that face us in the uncertain future; including climate change, sea level rise, and the allocation of scarce trust resources like water.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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April 12, 2019

To: The Honorable Kaialii Kahele, Chair,
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Date: Monday, April 15, 2019
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Place: Conference Room 414, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 608 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chair of the
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE D.
CASE**

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in strong support of Governor's Message 608, Gubernatorial Nominee, Suzanne D. Case, as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Case has demonstrated that she has the leadership and experience to successfully lead the DLNR. As the Chair of the DLNR, Ms. Case administers and preserves public lands, water resources, and coastal areas as well as state parks and historic sites by enforcing the law and working with stakeholders to address issues. In addition, Ms. Case's legal background and almost thirty-year service at the Nature Conservancy show her extensive experience of understanding conversation and environmental issues and managing natural resources.

I urge you to confirm Ms. Case to serve as the Chair of the DLNR so that she may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ms. Case.



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April 15, 2019
8:30 a.m.
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G.M. 608

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE D. CASE, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Suzanne Case as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Case is a graduate of Stanford University and received her law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She joined the Nature Conservancy in 1987 and has been its Executive Director since 2001 managing 16 nature reserves totaling 53,000 acres.

Ms. Case brought the DLNR new ideas and new ways of doing business. She has an in depth-knowledge of the mission of the Department and how it impacts the state. Her background proves that she understands the rightful responsibilities that DLNR has with regard to *malama 'aina*. She has demonstrated her integrity, her knowledge, her commitment to the public trust, and her ability to bring people together to solve problems and formulate well designed public policies. Her dedication to the task, her comprehensive command of the issues involved, her insight and her judgment are simply unmatched.

The need to strike a balance is of course nothing new. We cannot afford to have development and growth at all costs without regard for sustainability and quality of life, but we also cannot afford to stop development completely given that growth is an important part of our State's economy. We will continue do our part and we look forward to working with all stakeholders on striking a balance so that we have a sustainable future for Hawaii. The DOT has confidence that Ms. Case has the credentials, background, and temperament to return as the Chairperson of the DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Re: GM 608 SUZANNE CASE

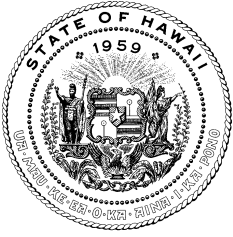
Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, my name is Linda Chu Takayama, Director of Taxation, and I offer this testimony in strong support of Suzanne Case's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

It has been my privilege to work with Suzanne for the last four years on many different issues. She has always been rock solid in her analysis and dependability on all fronts and has the experience and smarts for this difficult, often controversial assignment.

I look forward to continuing to work with her and urge your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Thank you.

Linda Chu Takayama



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As the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

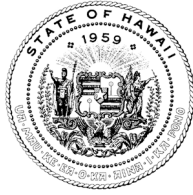
Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Suzanne Case to continue serving as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Case has demonstrated a deep understanding and steadfast commitment to the execution of the Department's responsibility to uphold the public trust of our islands as well as to the continuous improvement of the administration and operations of the Department. As Chair, Ms. Case oversaw the execution of the World Conservation Congress, the largest and most successful conservation conference in the IUCN's history. She is the co-chair for the State Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and for the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, through which she works with Legislators, departments, and counties on advancing our goals on watershed restoration, near-shore marine management, biosecurity, local food, and clean energy. Through her leadership, each division of the Department has begun process improvements that better uphold the public trust and serve the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 608.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Monday, April 15, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 608
Gubernatorial Nominee Suzanne D. Case

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee:

I am testifying in support of Suzanne D. Case, nominee for the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Ms. Case has been serving as DLNR chair since 2015, where she oversees eleven divisions, covering Hawaii's natural resources, including forestry and wildlife, freshwater, conservation and coastal regulation, aquatic resources, and state parks. Prior to becoming chair, Ms. Case worked at the Nature Conservancy for nearly three decades, protecting our state's precious natural habitats and wildlife.

Ms. Case brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the DLNR, having worked in native forest stewardship, land protection, and coastal and marine conservation, directly and through collaborative partnerships, throughout the main Hawaiian Islands and Palmyra Atoll, the western United States, and the Asia/Pacific Region. She is extremely well qualified to continue to lead DLNR and I urge the committee to confirm her nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nominee.

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The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
and Members
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 414
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kahele and Members

Subject: Governor's Message (GM) 608 for Consideration and Confirmation as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Gubernatorial Nominee Suzanne D. Case for a term to expire December 31, 2022

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports GM 608 nominating Ms. Suzanne D. Case to serve as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

The BWS had the opportunity to work with Ms. Case on watershed protection, forestry and water planning and permitting over many years. Ms. Case's broad experience and leadership has advanced the DLNR's mission, strategic initiatives, policies and programs. Reappointment of Ms. Case will ensure the State's natural resources will be protected and managed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Suzanne D. Case's nomination to continue to serve as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Very truly yours,

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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

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Monday, April 15, 2019; 8:30 am
Conference Room 414

GM 608 – Appointment of Suzanne D. Case as Chair of Department of Land and Natural Resources

To the Honorable Kaialii Kahele, Chair, Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Kauai Island Utility Cooperative **strongly supports** the appointment of Suzanne Case as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

KIUC has had the occasion to appear before the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Commission on Resources Management on numerous occasions. We have also worked closely with DLNR staff on a number of renewable energy projects, operational matters and issues involving endangered seabirds on the island of Kauai. In our various interactions, we have found Ms. Case and the staff under her leadership to be well-informed, thoughtful and fair in resolving issues and developing solutions regarding areas of mutual concern.

We encourage your support of her nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i Supporting
GM 608 Gubernatorial Nominee Suzanne Case for Confirmation
as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Monday, April 15, 2019, 8:30AM, Room 414

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 preserves and work in over 30 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs, waters and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnership with government, private parties and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and the many benefits they provide to people.

The Nature Conservancy strongly supports Suzanne Case's confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Suzanne has dedicated her life and more than 30 years of her career to the care and perpetuation of Hawai'i's natural resources. She has the demonstrated ability to bring diverse people and organizations together with government agencies to find positive, collaborative, and often innovative solutions to the most pressing environmental issues. She epitomizes the vision of conserving nature not just for its own sake, but also for its ability to fulfill our needs and to enrich and sustain our lives, including benefits such as fresh water, clean air, food, recreation, and economic prosperity.

Suzanne has shown that she understands and can lead large-scale management efforts that ensure wise stewardship across vast landscapes with multiple public and private partners. And, she is able and willing to delve into the details of complicated projects to fully understand the issues and find positive solutions.

Suzanne leads and inspires her staff and partners with vision and purpose, and rolls up her sleeves as a team member and collaborator seeking broad input, consensus and measurable accomplishments. She recognizes and demonstrates in her work and how she conducts herself that integrity, trust, and good governance are the hallmarks of leadership, successful organizations, and productive relationships.

We're excited that she continues to step forward and give of herself and her capabilities to the mission of the DLNR on behalf of every resident and visitor who values the natural and cultural treasures of these islands that are at the very core of the past, present and future of our lives in Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Suzanne's confirmation as DLNR Chairperson.



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Testimony of
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Monday, April 15, 2019
8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 414

**Governor's Message 608
Suzanne Case**

Governor's Message 608 has been submitted to the Senate Committee on Water and Land for consideration and confirmation as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Gubernatorial Nominee, Suzanne Case, for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) and the Mokupuni of Moku O Keawe (Hawaii Island), Moku O Pi'ilani (Maui), Moku O Kanaloa (Kaho'olawe), Nana'I Kaula (Lana'i), Molokai Pule O'o (Moloka'i), Moku O Kakuhihewa (O'ahu), Manokalanipo (Kaua'i) and Ka Aina O Kawelonakala (Ni'ihau), **we strongly support this nomination.**

To adequately explain why we, the members and participants in the Hawaii State Aha Moku support Suzanne Case as the Chair for DLNR, one must understand the scope of what this really means in a real sense. First, DLNR is one of the largest state agencies in the state, whose mandate simply is to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors." Simple, yet not so simple! To do this, the DLNR Chair is also the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) Chair, and the Chair of the Commission of Water Resource Management (CWRM), as well as the Administrator guiding all the DLNR Divisions, each of whom have full departments dedicated to their specific mandates which together, make up the DLNR. These are: Aquatic Resources, Boating and Ocean Recreation, Bureau of Conveyances, Conservation and Coastal Lands, Conservation and Resources Enforcement, Engineering, Forestry and Wildlife, Historic Preservation, Land, and State Parks.

Aha Moku is attached to DLNR via Act 288 SLH 2012, §171.4-5. It is a natural resource management plan that was restored from the 9th century by over 200 kupuna and expert native Hawaiian practitioners through the translation of ancient oral chants and island generational knowledge. Legislators are familiar with Aha Moku because they are the ones who created this law and agreed with kupuna mandate that Aha Moku be advisory to the Chair of DLNR. However, this also is not so simple. How does one collaborate between very different cultures, one a government agency that is rooted in finite rules and the other, the indigenous culture of this land that is rooted in oral history and resource management rules that are flexible enough to bend with nature so that balance is always the goal. To Hawaiian communities, this balance is essential as it equals survival. Achieving this is very difficult; and maintaining it some say, impossible! Unless you have the right person in place. To the Hawaiian community, while having the western degrees is admirable, it is not the most important quality. Suzanne Case has that most important quality that kupuna had in mind when they restored the Aha Moku and were searching for the place in government where they would be able to collaborate and be accepted.

Suzanne Case has the experience, the background and the knowledge needed to be the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. A blissful childhood spent outdoors in Hilo set the stage for Suzanne Case's lifelong commitment to the preservation of Hawai'i's natural resources, first as a conservation lawyer, and then as the executive director of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i for 14 years. She fulfills the western criteria to be the DLNR Chair.

But more importantly, as a true keiki o ka aina, she comes from a kamaaina background where her formative years were spent in Keaukaha, Hilo on the Island of Hawaii. Living right across from the beach, and raised in a large family, she spent much of her youth outdoors where she developed her deep love of the ocean and the need to malama or take care of the natural resources of her place. Suzanne was raised in the country, close to a Native Hawaiian homestead, and went to school with Hawaiian children, and others from

different nationalities and cultures. It became second-nature to be open minded and tolerant of the differences in others. And, coming from a strong supportive family, she was raised to be independent and courageous in how she viewed life. She is now intimately familiar with the traditional ahupua'a system on the individual islands and understands the *'ike of kupuna*. At the same time, she respects all cultures and understands that everyone who lives in Hawaii is a stakeholder in the sustainability of our ecosystems and environments.

Her decisions are very well thought out, and she stands by them with a clear conscience. And if she is ever proven wrong, she can "mihi" or take responsibility for her mistake, truly apologize for it, learn from it, and move on. These are the character traits that our kupuna look for in a leader. Aha Moku is attached to DLNR and need to know that we can collaborate with DLNR in good faith. Our faith in Suzanne Case is fully justified and we ask that this Senate Committee on Water and Land confirm her as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Respectfully,

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Testimony for
Committee on Water and Land

Monday, April 15, 2019, 8:30 a.m. Room 414

Senator Kaialiʻi Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

GM 608 Suzanne D. Case

Dear Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 608 that submits for confirmation Suzanne Case for the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). She has brought to DLNR the strength of character, organizational ability, fairness, consensus building, and a sense of humor which has resulted in a much more positive atmosphere within DLNR. Her job is incredibly complicated with supporters from all sides of issues that need to be balanced.

I am Lynn McCrory, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Pulama Lanai. Pulama Lanai is the entity that was set up by Larry Ellison to work with the community and government as we move the island of Lanai toward sustainability. I was a member of the Board of Land & Natural Resources for 8 years and have seen my share of project diversity which staff brought to the Board.

As a part of my responsibilities for Pulama Lānaʻi, we have had projects for the Board review and as we always want, Board approval. We have worked with DLNR staff in about every division and found a willingness to work through whatever the issues may be. Not just an immediate NO response, and then nothing. When the projects have come to the Board for their approval, Ms. Case runs a very good meeting, both in listening to the parties, and in moving the meeting along as needed. This combination of skills and talents is wonderful to find in someone who is so willing to serve the public.

We humbly ask that you confirm GM 608 Suzanne D. Case. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana
With warm aloha,

Lynn P. McCrory
Senior Vice President of Government Affairs



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Aloha Chair Kahele and Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

RE: GM608, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE D. CASE, for a term to expire at noon on 12-31-2022.

The O'ahu County Democrats write in support of the confirmation of Suzanne D. Case for the Directorship of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Ms. Case is qualified from a reputable career in land management and conservation, and real estate law. She is exceptionally competent as an overseer to the Divisions of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), Aquatic Resources (DAR), Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), the Office of Coastal and Conservation Lands (OCCL), the Land Division and the Bureau of Conveyances. She has capably managed the State Historic Preservation Divisions and the Engineering Divisions since 2015. Having transitioned from the conservation in the non-profit sector to government, Ms. Case works through scarce, available public resources considering how stretched those resources are compared to the DLNR's land assets and its multitude of staff.

In the prior 4 years, Ms. Case has directed with an evidence-based perspective as it pertains to resource management. Much of the prior testimony in opposition has diametrically misrepresented the science of invasive species management, as it pertains to introduced cats. Academic literature links *Toxoplasmosis gondii* in native species to the feral cats in the wild, and links cats to predation of endangered birds, and suggests high feline densities in Hawaiian forests, which had no native predatory mammals. In short, these are ecologically harmful with no societal benefit. Ms. Case's DLNR has taken its lead from science, as is right. Some key literature supporting these statements is on the following page.

Most compellingly, Ms. Case nomination has earned the support of her varied fellow Departmental Directors, the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) and our state Comptroller. Additionally, former DLNR Director Timothy Johns, former First Deputy Kekoa Kaluhiwa, and current DLNR staff, in their individual capacities, have written their testimony in support based on Ms. Case's track record as the current Director.

To reiterate, please vote affirmatively for Director Case's confirmation. Thank you, Senators, for your due diligence and consideration.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Dylan P. Armstrong in black ink.

DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, VICE CHAIR
O'AHU COUNTY COMMITTEE, O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS

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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

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GM 608 – Appointment of Suzanne D. Case as Chair of Department of Land and Natural Resources

To the Honorable Kaialii Kahele, Chair, Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Joule Group **strongly supports** the appointment of Suzanne Case as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

We have had several opportunities to appear before the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Commission on Resources Management in our capacity as contractor for Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. We have also worked closely with DLNR and CWRM staff on a number of renewable energy projects that involve the important nexus of energy and agriculture, including participating in the precedent setting Mediation Agreement for the Waimea Watershed. In our numerous interactions we have found Ms. Case and the staff under her leadership to be proactive on long-standing issues regarding management of water resources around the state, recognition of and consultation with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on water rights, and energy and food sustainability. Under Ms. Case's direction we have experienced a cooperative interdepartmental effort towards resolving contentious issues and developing solutions through a well informed, fair and thoughtful approach.

We encourage your support of her nomination. Thank you for your consideration.



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Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

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Subject: GM 608 – Support for Suzanne Case for a second term as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, for a term to expire 12-31-2022.

Dear Senator Kahele and Keith-Agaran,

I want to voice my strong support for Suzanne Case for a second term as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). I have worked closely with Suzanne Case over the past 20 years during which time she worked for The Nature Conservancy and as the Chair of the DLNR.

I gained an even deeper appreciation for Suzanne's skills when I served as the Vice Chair of the National Host Committee assisting the State of Hawaii's hosting of the 2016 World Conservation Congress. Her skill in working with the legislature to secure the funding and in overseeing the operating budget made the WCC the most successful Congress in the 70-year history of IUCN.

Suzanne's legal background and excellent management experience and her passion for conservation make her an ideal Chair for the DLNR. This is arguably the most important conservation job in Hawaii and Suzanne has proven over the past four years that she has the skills needed as well as the stamina to execute this demanding position.

Please support the conservation of Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by giving Suzanne a second term as the Chair of the DLNR.

Me ka mahalo a me ke aloha,

Chipper Wichman, President

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Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Water and Land
IN SUPPORT OF GM 608
Monday April 15, 2019, 8:30am, Rm. 414

My name is Kevin Chang and I am the Executive Director of Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (or KUA). KUA works to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups to practice and engage in mālama 'āina and civic governance as a traditional and customary kuleana and to celebrate their places and pass on traditions to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being.

KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports a growing network of over 30 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a new and growing hui of Limu practitioners all from across our state. Collectively they touch on almost 75 places. Many of these communities focus on improving natural resource management and restoration of native food and ecological systems, values and ethics more sensitive to the needs of their wahi (their places).

KUA supports GM 608, to confirm Ms. Suzanne Case as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

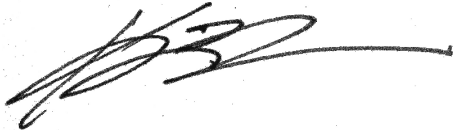
Caring for Hawai'i's cultural and natural resources and our very future will require us to shift to a more collaborative and collectively driven path. Some of the ways in which past decisions have been made will need to be decentralized and brought closer to the ground where people with situated knowledge are most adaptable and insightful of place specific dependencies, needs and changes. We see this as a shift to a konohiki mindset; a contemporary renewal, imagination for, and empowerment of Hawaiian traditions of community place-based natural resource management, co-management and co-governance that builds a collaborative mindset within our State (the people and the state) such that the focus, needs and capacity of management leads to policy, procedures, infrastructure, jobs and skills for future generations to *mālama Hawai'i*.

Chair Case recognized and entered into public service with the DLNR in part to further the ability of the State and communities to better collaborate in caring for Hawai'i whether it be through among other things co-management of our fisheries at Hā'ena and Ka'ūpūlehu, the quick response to community calls for protection of loli, the rapid 'Ōhi'a response, the acquisition and protection of lands significant to our communities, enhanced DOCARE presence and capacity, new and permanent positions with a

community oriented focus, fishpond permitting, better collaborative relationships around community stewardship with State Parks and enhanced recognition of limu to our cultural perspective and environmental health.

We certainly may not always agree on everything along the way, but we continue to believe in a balance of short and long views and approaches to change. Chair Case has expressed and acted on many of the changes that we believe lend to the vision we see in the long view. We would like to see the opportunity to work with her continue and to see her accelerate some of these changes especially in regards to community place-based natural resource management and the visions of our rural and Hawaiian communities in places like Hā'ena, Hanalei (Kaua'i), Ka'ūpūlehu, Miloli'i, Ho'okena (Hawai'i) Mo'omomi (Moloka'i) and Kīpahulu (Maui) among many others who are growing in their desire to find collective ways forward.

Aloha 'Āina Momona.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Chang', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin K.J. Chang

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Submitted on: 4/11/2019 5:02:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SUZANNE CASE THE HEAD DLNR! SUZANNE IS ANTI-KĀĒNAKA MAOLI, HAS NO RESPECT FOR OUR CULTURE OR OUR LANDS AS IS DEMONSTRATED ON HER FULL SUPPORT FOR THE DESECRATION OF MAUNA KEA. UNDER SUZANNE CASE, SHE HAS RECENTLY SOUGHT THE PURCHASE OF HIGH POWERED WEAPONS TO ARM DLNR OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH THE "HAWAIIAN PROBLEM" ON MAUNA KEA. UNDER SUZANNE CASE THERE IS THE DIRECT THREAT OF A MAJOR VIOLENT CONFLICT THAT WILL OCCUR ON MAUNA KEA, SHOULD SHE BE CONFIRMED FOR ANOTHER TERM TO LEAD DLNR. SUZANNE HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO MEET WITH KIA'I TO COME TO SOME KIND OF PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF MAUNA KEA.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 10:13:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Testifying for Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

In strong opposition to Suzanne Case's reappointment as director of DLNR. Our NATIVE HAWAIIAN HUNTERS ON THE WAIANAE COAST, are systematically being discriminated against and denied access to gathering food to feed their OHANA...

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 6:21:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge	Testifying for Hawaii Hunting Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

DLNR/BLNR have failed their constituencies, don't live up to their agreements with organizations, and will willingly break the law or agreements to suit themselves as dictator, rather than entrusted servant.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 7:24:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Testifying for Aloha Animal Advocates	Oppose	No

Comments:

Ms. Case does not keep up with the times. She quotes science but in the animal welfare industry, her science is old hat. We need someone who is innovative with humane animal control measures. All of the NATIONAL (Best Friends, Alley Cat Allies, Humane Society of America, ASPCA, United Community Cats, American Veterinary Association, etc) all promote and agree with targeted spay and neuter programs for animal control.

I really don't know where Ms. Case science comes from. If killing worked, we would be done by now.

Oh yes, Australia, New Zealand and other island nations have tried eradication programs with disasterous results including the explosion of rat population.

If Ms. Case read the research, she would know that protected birds are dying due to loss of habitat and the disease carrying mosquito. Monk seals are dying due to loss of habitat and food sources and entanglement. Other issues, such as toxoplasmosis, are further down on the list.

If Ms. Case wants to help SAVE certain species, don't you think she would go after THE ROOT CAUSE PROBLEM? Yes, let's save the protected species and fix the REAL ISSUE.

Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 10:25:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Hanna	Testifying for Cat Lives Matter	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Please don't allow this known abuser of animal rights at the Hawaii Human Society to head the DLNR. She has been held responsible for euthanizing cats prematurely and not giving them their already short allotted time for adoption. Cats are not an invasive species that are endangering our native bird species; like she and the Western Governors. Association claim. It's not only misleading information it has no scientific merit or proof. Native birds are killed far more by natural causes; or from flying into windows, car wind shields, communication towers, high tension lines, wind turbines, pollution and from consuming and being exposed to pesticides and weed killers. These valid reasons are being ignored and not considered as contributing causes. TNR Volunteer programs have been proven successful and are responsible for getting 10's of thousands of cats spayed and neutered without any funding or government assistance. Cats Colonies that belong to TNR programs don't hunt birds or other animals because they are provided for daily with food and water. Cats and those that participate in the TNR programs are under attack every day because of this kind of negative press. Cat haters feel entitled to harm these abandoned animals and it gives them free reign to poison, shoot pellets, BB's and arrows at them. **Hawaii is better than this.** Imagine what we could accomplish if we were given some assistance.

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Submitted on: 4/14/2019 11:50:32 PM
Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Goodwin	Testifying for Kia`i Wai O Wai`ale`ale	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose continuing DLNR Chairperson Suzanne Case's appointment. I testified at 3 meetings she chaired in 2017 and 2018: BLNR Dec 2017 re RP 7340 KIUC renewal; CWRM Aug 2018, KCC (Kaua`i Community College) re ISFS, Wai`ale`ale and Waikoko Streams, and December 2018 BLNR re KIUC renewal of RP 7340.

The Dec 2017 BLNR Board members voted to renew KIUC's revocable permit 4-3 with both Ms. Case and Kaua`i Island Board member Tommy Oi voting for renewal despite broad opposition from community members and environmentalists such as Sierra Club, HAPA (Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action), Kia`i Wai O Wai`ale`ale, Hui Ho`opulapula Na Wai O Puna. Here HAPA threw down a Contested Case. After Executive Session, Ms Case informed testifiers BLNR would not accept a Contested Case. It's important to mention here that Ms Case divulged her first-cousin relationship to Steve Case, Owner/CEO of Grove Farm Co, Kaua`i, and stated she has no monetary interest in Grove Farm's business. Ms Case coaxed Mr Oi to share his relationship to Grove Farm, whereby he stated he is a surveyor and surveys Grove Farm lands.

Ms Case misled CWRM Commissioners @KCC's Aug 2018 meeting by stating KIUC's water use is non-consumptive. In Dec 2016 Ms Case's very own DLNR agency determined KIUC's water use CONSUMPTIVE, diverted water is NOT returned to the stream of origin. Kaua`i island water protectors realized early on KIUC lied to the Legislature when submitting their RP application. And worse, we realized Ms Case was not going to impartially uphold the goals of the DLNR divisions, "to manage all lands and assets under their charge in the most responsible, fair and transparent manner possible to serve the Public Trust." In her position as Chair, she would obfuscate. This meeting came to an abrupt close when KIUC threw down a Contested Case and Ms Case decided on her own without benefit of Executive Session, or discussion to accept or not accept. Ms Case accepted KIUC's Contested Case. Subsequently, Grove Farm filed to be a part of Contested Case, stating the water diversions affect them monetarily. Valuable months went by, months where KIUC continued to divert 100% of Wai`ale`ale/Waikoko Stream waters, except on base-flow days. I view this an another obfuscation on Ma Case's part.

At the December 2018 BLNR meeting Ms Case stated for the record again her first-cousin relationship to Grove Farm owner Steve Case. Tommy Oi recused himself after it was revealed by testifiers his surveying work is solely with Grove Farm. Was Ms Case not thorough in questioning Mr Oi an entire year ago? Why was he allowed to vote at the Dec 2017 meeting?

This lack of transparency, this amount of partiality, is irresponsible and leads me to believe Ms Case has forgotten the first and foremost reason she is in the "Chairperson" position---to protect the Public Trust. I oppose her continuing tenure.

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Submitted on: 4/15/2019 11:04:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kealoha Pisciotta	Testifying for Mauna Kea Anaina Hou and Kai Palaoa	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/12/2019 2:26:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teya Penniman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of Teya M. Penniman Supporting GM 608 Gubernatorial Nominee Suzanne Case for Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Senators,

Please confirm Suzanne Case for another term as the Chairperson of DLNR. Our state's land and natural resources face unprecedented challenges from climate change, invasive species such as rapid ohia death and little fire ants, water for our streams and people, and development pressures. The department must simultaneously balance recreational and boating needs and ensure protection of important cultural resources. We need to ensure steady and consistent leadership at this time. Ms. Case has done an outstanding job managing DLNR. Her exceptional background and calm thoughtful approach to these challenges are needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teya M. Penniman
Haiku, HI

Statement of
Mary Alice Evans

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 15, 2019
8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of
GM 608

**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as Chair of the Department of
Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Suzanne D. Case,
for a term to expire on 12-31-2022.**

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully urge your **support** for the confirmation of **Suzanne Case** to serve as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Suzanne has demonstrated a life-long commitment to protecting the natural resources of Hawaii. Her proactive approach to reducing the impact of climate change on Hawaii's public lands continues to be needed as the negative effects of more and stronger storms grow. Suzanne is a collaborative leader who reaches out to partners in other state agencies to coordinate efforts.

I respectfully urge you to recommend advice and consent to the nomination of Suzanne Case for Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Submitted on: 4/12/2019 8:42:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randal Bartlett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/12/2019 2:28:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Very strong support for Suzanne Case. She has done an excellent job balancing protection with utilization of our natural resources.

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Submitted on: 4/12/2019 3:09:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 3:16:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth Tokioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support the nomination of Suzanne Case as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She is a fair and balanced steward of state resources and has the experience necessary to lead DLNR through the issues and challenges ahead.

Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 4:05:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karissa Jonas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Suzanne Case being appointed as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ms Case and her staff conduct the appropriate research and analysis to be knowledgeable about an issue and have provided intelligent and reasonable solutions to the issues brought before her. Especially when decisions need to be made on issues that can be contentious, it is important to have those decisions based on well researched facts, thoughtful reason and logic. Therefore, I strongly recommend your support of her nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.

TESTIMONY OF DAMIEN ELEFANTE
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019 8:30 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 414

GOV. MSG NO. 608

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, SUZANNE D. CASE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2022.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee. I am testifying as an individual and I am in support of Suzanne D. Case's confirmation as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

During the last four years as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources she developed an understanding of the administrative processes and worked steadily to improve and move the Department in a positive direction. She has demonstrated commitment and dedication to her position as the Chair. Her overall background and experiences working in the public and private sector, especially her work at The Nature Conservancy, is an asset and resource for the State.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Suzanne D. Case as the Chair of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 4/12/2019 5:46:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Yukimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Suzanne Case as Chariperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ms. Case and staff under her leadership well informed and fair in resolving issues and developing solutions. Thank you.

Peter Yukimura

Timothy E. Johns
5615 Poola Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

April 13, 2019

Honorable Kaialii Kahele, Chair
Hawaii Senate Committee on Water and Land
Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
SUZANNE CASE AS THE CHAIR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES—GM608**

Aloha, Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of the nomination of Suzanne Case as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have known Ms. Case in a personal and professional capacity for over 30 years and have had the opportunity to observe her in a wide variety of circumstances. I am also familiar with the position to which she is nominated, having served as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources during Governor Cayetano's second term and subsequently serving on the Board of Land and Natural Resources for 8 years.

I first met Ms. Case when we both worked for The Nature Conservancy in the mid 1980's. We worked together there for several years, and after I left we worked closely together on numerous conservation-related projects and programs over the years. We also served together on the boards of several nonprofit organizations in Hawaii.

Ms. Case is one of the most intelligent and thoughtful leaders I have ever encountered. She is unfailingly calm, fair and objective, always striving to understand all sides of an issue before making a decision. At the same time, she is unafraid of making the hard decisions once the time has come to make such decisions. Leading the Department of Land and Natural Resources is no easy endeavor, but I believe she has risen to the challenge in her first four years on the job. There is much left to do at the Department, and she is the right person to lead it during these challenging times. I humbly ask that you support her nomination. Mahalo.

Timothy E. Johns

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 11:40:13 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meghan Statts	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Chair Case has clearly demonstrated a superior ability to lead the Department. She has shown to make very well informed decisions on important interdepartmental matters. She has also shown to be extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of each Division. She is always fair and treats everyone with respect. The Department has surely benefited from her leadership in the last four years and will continue to flourish under her guidance.

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Submitted on: 4/13/2019 4:34:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekoa Kaluhiwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Suzanne Case brings a wealth of natural resource management experience to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). She is smart, fair and passionate in protecting and conserving our resources for future generations. I was privileged to serve as First Deputy Director under her leadership and strongly support her nomination for a second term as DLNR Chair.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony in STRONG support.

TESTIMONY OF JO ANN UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 15, 2019 8:30 AM
Conf. Rm 414

G.M. 608

**Testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 608
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE CASE
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022**

TO THE HONORABLE KAIALI'I KAHELE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am writing to express my **support** of the appointment of SUZANNE CASE to serve as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), for a term to expire on December 5, 2022. My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi and I am submitting this supporting testimony in my personal capacity.

I have come to know Director Case in her capacity as DLNR Director. I admire her ability to tackle complex and controversial issues with intelligence, compassion, and grace under pressure. She is a hardworking advocate for her department, and is an individual who has the temperament, experience, ability and wisdom to effectively lead the DLNR.

I believe Director Case is and will continue to be a valuable public servant and an asset to the administration and to the state, and respectfully request that you recommend advise and consent of her nomination as Director of DLNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 608.

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Submitted on: 4/14/2019 1:00:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amel Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide personal testimony in strong support of Suzanne D. Case for consideration and confirmation as Chair for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Ms. Case's education, resume, accomplishments and great passion for protecting our public lands and our natural resources speak for themselves. I have worked with Ms. Case since 2015 when she started with DLNR. I have found her to be extremely resourceful, organized, intelligent, thoughtful, and honest. She is also a great listener who is not afraid of difficult situations. Ms. Case is always a pleasure to work with and continues to be an outstanding director for DLNR.

Ms. Case has proven to be a strong leader for DLNR as well as our community, and I know that she will continue to be a valuable asset to DLNR. Therefore, I urge you to strongly support her nomination as the Chair for DLNR.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 5:48:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Chow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Suzanne Case. I have worked with her during her first 4 years as Chairperson and find her to be a thoughtful and deliberate leader. Her first instincts are to better the environment and serve the best interests of the state. She understands the need for balance in her decision making. I believe the state will benefit from her continued leadership at the helm of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Submitted on: 4/14/2019 6:42:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Calvin Murashige	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Kaialii Kahele, Chair, Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

As a Director with Kauai Island Utility Cooperative, I attended two public hearings of the Commission on Water Resources Management held on Kauai and chaired by Suzanne Case. I was very impressed with her handling of the hearing. She afforded all attendees every opportunity to present testimony and was very fair to all who testified. She maintained a firm control over the public during the course of the hearings.

i strongly support the appointment of Suzanne Case as Chairperson of the Department of Land and and Natural Resources and encourage your support of her nomination.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/14/2019 7:15:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Chair Case has demonstrated a superior ability to lead the Department and makes well informed decisions on important departmental matters. She is fair, treats everyone with respect and is extremely knowledgeable in the work of the Department.

Mahalo,

Edward Underwood

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GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 9:11:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Tashima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Chair Case has demonstrated the ability to lead the Department and makes well-informed decisions on important departmental matters. She is fair, treats everyone with respect, and is very knowledgeable in the work of the Department.

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April 14, 2019

**TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF GM 608:
NOMINATION OF SUZANNE CASE AS DLNR CHAIRPERSON, 2ND TERM**

To: Sen. Kai Kahele, Chair, Sen. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land:

I'm writing to support, with enthusiasm, the confirmation of Suzanne Case to a second term as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. For the last three and a half years I've had the honor and pleasure to serve on the Board of Land and Natural Resources under Chair Case's leadership. During that time the DLNR has made great progress in initiatives such as watershed and coral reef protection.

No appointed position in state government covers as broad a range of duties as the DLNR chairperson. The DLNR has primary responsibility for about half the land in the state, and everything under water. If a creature has fins, fur, or feathers and lives in the forest or the sea, it is part of DLNR's job to watch out for it.

Chair Case has shown herself to be a balanced and pragmatic problem-solver during her tenure with the DLNR. Controversy is inherent in the hard choices that come with this job. When there has been a chance to reconcile conflicting points of view, Chair Case has done a great job in trying to reach compromise. Sometimes there isn't a good compromise, and she hasn't dodged the tough decisions.

Chair Case recognizes that being an environmentalist in Hawaii today requires a lot more than trying to block bad things from happening. We need positive actions. For example, regulations meant to protect the environment can make it hard to implement projects that would have great overall environmental benefits, like the proposal to cool Honolulu with seawater. Under her leadership, DLNR has worked to find reasonable solutions for these kinds of issues.

Suzanne Case is the ideal leader for DLNR in this new era of environmental stewardship. Please recommend her confirmation to the full Senate.

Yours truly,

Chris Yuen

From: [Ikaika Mahoe](#) on behalf of [Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele](#)
To: [kahele1 - Grace](#)
Subject: FW: Testimony in favor of Suzanne D Case, GM 608
Date: Friday, April 12, 2019 5:52:16 PM

From: Dennis [mailto:dennis@esakimap.com]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele <senkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran <senkeithagaran@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Clarence Nishihara <c.nishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Gil Riviere <senriviere@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sen. Kurt Fevella <senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Testimony in favor of Suzanne D Case, GM 608

Aloha Honorable Senators
Committee on Water and Land

Chairman Kaiali'i Kahele
Vice Chairman Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran
Senator Clarence Nishihira
Senator Gil Riviere
Senator Kurt Fevella

Re: GM 608 Confirmation of Suzanne D. Case as chair of DLNR

Aloha Honorable Senators,

Thank you all for your commitment to serve the citizens of Hawaii. You have to make many critical decisions that affect our 'aina.

I humbly support the confirmation of Suzanne D. Case for chair of DLNR. She respects the environment/land and is trustworthy. Her decisions are definitely based on what is right for the earth.

Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono.

Mahalo.

Respectfully,

Dennis M. Esaki

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

LATE

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Submitted on: 4/14/2019 3:14:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Davianna McGregor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/14/2019 4:15:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Wynhoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am the supervising deputy for the land/transportation division of the Department of Attorney General. I know Chair Case in that capacity but I submit this testimony as an individual.

Chair Case is an excellent leader, administrator, and client. The first two chairs that I worked with were Tim Johns and Gil Keith-Agaran. Chair Case is their peer in terms of intelligence, leadership, and strategic thinking (which is high praise). Right now is when these qualities along with her invaluable experience mean that she can really accomplish things. Failing to confirm means that power devolves to bureaucrats (like me) while a new person learns the ropes. Not what you should want as leaders.

Please confirm.

LATE

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Submitted on: 4/15/2019 7:01:14 AM
Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rick Eckert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable member of the Committee on Water and Land. I have found and observed that Suzanne Case, as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, is extraordinarily competent and proficient. I strongly support her reappointment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Rick Eckert, 4456 Amo St., Lihue, HI 96766.

David Kimo Frankel
1638-A Mikahala Way
Honolulu, HI 96816

April 15, 2018

TESTIMONY REGARDING GM 608

Senator Kahele and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Four years ago, I testified against the nomination of Carleton Ching to serve as chair of BLNR. Suzanne Case has helped bring about some healthy changes in attitude at the commission on water resource management and the division of aquatic resources, but there is so much more that needs to be done. I am not sure that Suzanne Case is the one to bring about the changes that are needed. She has ignored concerns raised by community members – displaying, at times, an arrogant intolerance of any criticism of DLNR.

Unequal application of the law

When Hawaiians occupied public land on Mauna Kea, Suzanne Case mobilized DLNR's resources to threaten them with jail and arrest them.

In contrast, when the owners of the Kāhala Hotel used public land for commercial purposes that DLNR has testified were illegal, Ms. Case took no enforcement action. The hotel operated a restaurant on public land, built and rented tall cabanas on public land, conducted weddings on public land, and generated hundreds of thousands of dollars from public land – all without authorization. Although brought to Ms. Case's attention, DLNR has refused to make any effort to recover the illegal profits generated on the public land makai of the Kāhala Hotel. Why are Hawaiians subject to prosecution while a large corporation is allowed to illegally profit off of public land with impunity?

Similarly, between the time of Judge Nishimura's Carmichael January 2016 order invalidating Alexander & Baldwin's revocable permits in East Maui and BLNR's December 2016 decision to granting authorization to A&B, A&B had no right to take any water from east Maui (except to provide water to Maui County). Nevertheless, A&B continued to take water. DLNR took no enforcement action against A&B. There appears to be a double standard.

Deference to large corporations

Although Ms. Case greets testimony by community members with skepticism, she never questions the vague promises and statements made by corporate entities. She defers to the desires and opinions of corporate lawyers and lobbyists.

A&B claims that it has cleaned up its garbage on public land in east Maui. We have photographs that we provided to Ms. Case that prove that A&B is not being honest. Ms. Case believes the empty words of a corporation and disregards documented evidence.

Ms. Case has never required that A&B actually measure how much water it takes from each stream because it would cost A&B money. The commission on water resource management staff has pointed out to the commission that the lack of monitoring data makes enforcement of interim stream flow standards difficult. Although the BLNR has the ability to require such monitoring when issuing its revocable permits, Ms. Case has refused to require A&B to do so.

Recently, she voted once again to allow the Kāhala Hotel to host corporate events on public land at bargain basement prices even though (a) the hotel could host the events on its own land (b) the department needs more revenue and could charge far more.

Disdain for natural resources

In the decisions that she has made, Ms. Case has demonstrated remarkable disdain for the idea that limu should be protected from pollution and that the endangered 'ōpe'ape'a should be protected from extinction. Her position, of course, supported corporate interests.

Blaming the Victim

In her testimony a couple of weeks ago to this committee, Ms. Case blamed the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation for the delay in completing an EIS on the diversion of millions of gallons of water daily from east Maui streams. Her claim is insulting and inaccurate. In 2012, HRS chapter 343 was amended to allow an applicant to prepare an EIS rather than the agency. At that point, NHLC never filed any legal objection to A&B's preparation of an EIS. NHLC did object, however, to A&B's continuing diversion of streams in the absence of an EIS.

Land Division Mismanagement

The Land Division is very poorly run, and Ms. Case has not done enough to turn things around. The land division's staff submittals give native species and other natural resources cursory consideration. The board has failed to adopt rules that would guide its decisionmaking, resulting in an ad hoc process that preserves the status quo for decades. Its performance is so bad that a circuit court judge concluded after a week-long trial that BLNR breached its trust obligations in managing the lease at Pōhakuloa.

Unfortunately, Chair Case continues to rely on the same staff and attorneys whose performance has been less than adequate. Consider this: Chair Case was so convinced by her staff and attorneys that rules were needed to address protestors on Mauna Kea that she railroaded emergency rules through the BLNR. A circuit court struck down the rules. And without rules: nothing happened. There was no crisis that the rules needed to address. This sequence of events revealed there was no justification for enacting the emergency rules at all – despite the claims of her attorneys, her staff, and herself.

Lack of coordination

If Chair Case were serious about protecting the streams and native forest of east Maui, she would

ensure that staff of the Land Division, the commission on water resource management, the division of water resource management, the division of forestry and wildlife and the division of aquatic resources were coordinating site visits and discussing appropriate permit conditions. She has failed to do so.

Litigation matters omitted from BLNR agenda

Unlike the chairs of the Land Use Commission and the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chair Case refuses to put case updates on BLNR agenda. The failure to do so deprives BLNR members from: (a) knowing about the status of litigation that the department is involved in; (b) having an intelligent discussion about BLNR's position in litigation; (c) evaluating the advice and performance of the deputy attorneys general that are representing the department; and (d) making important decisions regarding the management of public land.

I wish that I had hope that the next four years were going to be better. It would help if Ms. Case put an item on each BLNR agenda – at the very end – for community concerns, just as the Hawaiian Homes Commissions does. The item would not allow for any BLNR action at that meeting, but it would give community members an opportunity in a limited amount of time to raise issues of concern that the BLNR needs to address. Believe it or not, community members might have some ideas that would improve the management of public land and other natural resources.

Aloha,



David Kimo Frankel

From: [Jim Anthony](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: TESTIMONY AGAINST THE PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT OF SUZANNE D. CASE
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:47:52 PM

My Bill of Particulars setting out the reasons and relevant details why I oppose Suzanne D. Case's reappointment will be presented to the Committee both in writing and orally when I appear before the Committee on Monday, April 15.

Jim Anthony, PhD.

On Thu, Apr 11, 2019 at 9:42 PM Jim Anthony <drjimanthony77@gmail.com> wrote:

I HEREBY give formal notice that I intend to give testimony AGAINST the proposed reappointment of Suzanne D. Case as Chair of the Department of Land Natural Resources.

I intend to give as full a Bill of Particulars as I can in support of my opposition to Ms. Case's proposed reappointment.

Jim Anthony, PhD.

Further, I hereby also give notice on behalf of my wife, GRACE VAIOVE'A ANTHONY, that she also intends to appear before the Committee to testify AGAINST the proposed reappointment of Suzanne D. Case as Chair of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Mrs. Anthony wishes to give her testimony orally in **Samoan and hereby requests that the Committee on Water and Land** provide interpretive services to enable her to testify in her first language, namely, Samoan.

Mahalo nui

Jim Anthony, PhD for, and on behalf of his wife, Grace Vaiove'a Anthony

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 7:55:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Cuccia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do NOT appoint Suzanne Case as the Chair for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She is very fixated on one way of doing things against feral cats, which is inhumane. What a person needs to be to be successful in such a position as this is to be open to learning, open to considering opinions other than their own and open to compassion when dealing with animals.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 7:40:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Kart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

She is all about butchering and exterminating animals with zero effort given to humane solutions.

The animals she wants exterminated by any means, for example the cats, is a human dumping non stop intact animals issue, the cats are the victims, Humans are the invasive species killing off other lives

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 8:59:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amylynne frankel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We need new leadership. Suzanne case has old ideas that are antiquated and fallible. Instead of blaming cats and exterminating them,

esp so inhumanely, why not come up with fresh human ideas to properly punish people who dump their cats or who do not sterilize them and contiebue to the problem? Over and over again, studies have shown her way is not the right way to deal with the problem

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 10:58:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Linster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose the reappointment of Suzanne Case. Her record of mismanagement of state resources does not merit reappointment; it merits an audit. Further, her failure to work with community stakeholders in conservation efforts and the humane treatment of all animals (and humane is not code for killing or poisoning of animals) speaks to her "leadership" style of arrogance and entitlement. As a public servant, she must be accountable to the public but instead wastes public funds on advancing her own interests which are often cruel and short-sighted. I strongly urge you to oppose Suzanne Cases's reappointment as chair of the DLNR.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 11:13:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Bounds	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 2:07:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gayle Sokolsky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 8:07:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
April Schroeder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully oppose the appointment of Ms. Case to the DLNR. She failed to listen to the voice of the people with regard to the treatment and extermination of feral and pet cats. Human created hazards are significantly more of a problem to birds and seabirds, but instead of finding creative, collaborative solutions to those problems, she continued to promulgate inaccurate information about cats and put policies in place that harm pets that get out, instead of addressing the real issues.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 10:32:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LINDA SCHOONOVER	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Need someone who is not labeling cats as an invasive species or claiming they have huge impact to native bird species. Habitat destruction and habitat loss; collisions with windows, communication towers, high tension lines, cars, and wind turbines; pesticides; pollution and even humans, each alone kill far more birds than cats could ever harm. Respectfully, I oppose Suzanne Case nomination.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/12/2019 9:43:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria da Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Labeling cats an invasive species and claiming, as Western Governors' Association did, that : "They have huge impacts to native bird species," is simply misleading. Cats are pretty far down the list of things that have a significant impact on native bird species in the US.

In fact, habitat destruction and habitat loss; collisions with windows, communication towers, high tension lines, cars, and wind turbines; pesticides; and pollution, each alone kill far more birds than cats could ever harm.

All of these are human-caused killers of birds that WGA is blatantly ignoring.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 2:53:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Bartels	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom It May concern:

I wish to oppose the reinstatement of Suzanne D. Case. Either side of this debate can "find" a scientific study to support their narrative. To attempt to eradicate a species, with no impact studies, which Hawaii is famous for, is irresponsible and reckless. Yes there are studies which show TNR works at population control. There was no definitive study that determined toxoplasmosis killed any monk seal. Think with common sense, about how much sewage pours into the ocean after EVERY HEAVY RAIN. And you can say definitively feral cats killed a monk seal. What about rat control if cats are exterminated in mass?

We need a less biased person at the head of DNLR and one who cares about all animals.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 2:59:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edwin Lesperance	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Based on past actions and decisions made by Suzanne Case, I am convinced that the department of land and natural resources would be better served by a new appointee.

Her attempt to eliminate feral cats "by any means necessary" shows a lack of understanding of the ecological balance of the Hawaiian Islands and a complete misunderstanding of how other species are impacted by the presence of feral cats that are neutered, maintained, and fed by colony caretakers.

To label felines, which are often pets or escaped pet animals, as an invasive species is irresponsible, uncompassionate, and is unsupported by scientific studies.

We need the department of land and natural resources to take a new direction in managing the cat population of the State of Hawaii. Looking to the cat sanctuary that has been established on the Island of Lanai, we have an example of what is possible when cooler heads prevail.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 3:26:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Please do not affirm Ms. Case's placement without giving intense scrutiny to the leadership she has shown to date. There are more questions and comments than I can possibly list here in regards to the performance of Ms. Case, the Board and the DLNR staff. Realizing that this is an appointment which makes her answerable to the Governor, this ultimately means she is accountable to the people. PLEASE take the time to truly investigate and determine if Ms. Case should continue.

Here are just a few examples of concerns: To put it simply, to rubber stamp her nomination with approval without truly looking into her leadership over the past years would be a serious mistake.

There are so many issues but let me highlight some of the most egregious:

Under her leadership, UH, Mauna Kea Management continue to mismanage the Mauna with no hope of things improving. An example would be the emergency rules invoked under her leadership. The circuit court judge ruled that they had not followed the rule of law. Under her leadership, the solution to problems has been to militarize her people. In addition, the DLNR's continued support of the military misusing lands. She reinitiated negotiations on their lease efforts for military training at Makua and Pohakuloa despite evidence that they are out of compliance. (Ching Court Case)

Under her leadership, unethical behavior has continued by staff members (Facebook postings with weapons, use of DLNR equipment for private business), Board members comparing people to religious fanatics and Board meetings with armed guards which show up only for certain agenda items. Board members who should recuse themselves (including Ms. Case on some water issues).

Under her leadership, O`ahu circuit court invalidated A & B's permits. Revokable water permits are not supposed to be extended past a year.

These are just a few of the things that I, as a private citizen have learned. Please question her and challenge her and demand that the Chairperson of the BLNR live up to high ethical standards.

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 6:40:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayne Regush	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on GM608 and express concern about the re-confirmation of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as co-chair of the Sierra Club Kauai Group Executive Committee and as Chairperson of the Wailua-Kapaa Neighborhood Association.

On August 21, 2018, I attended the CWRM public hearing on Kauai regarding the Amended Interim Instream Flow Standards for the Surface Water Hydrologic Unit of Wailua (2040). In Ms. Case's role as chairperson, and as an attorney, she should have known that Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) did NOT have standing to request a contested-case hearing. Instead, the meeting was halted prematurely and it took months until the CWRM staff submittal confirmed KIUC's ineligibility as a petitioner.

Also objectionable was Ms. Case's recent testimony in favor of HB1326 whereby she mistakenly argued that if the bill did not pass, current water users with revocable permits "may lose" their right to continue diverting water. There is nothing in current law, however, nor in the 2016 Legislative extension that supports her claim.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these examples.

Rayne Regush

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/13/2019 10:58:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Marquez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Kā• kou Apau!

My name is Malia Marquez and I am a Hawaiian Studies teacher with the DOE. I am also a mā• kua of a student at HĀ• lau KĀ« MĀ• na PCS. I would appreciate a closer look at the leadership of Suzanne Case. Under her leadership she has made many decisions that have made me question her character. A person who holds such a vital position as Chair of the BLNR should live up to high ethical standards. I dont see that with Ms. Case.

The mismanagement of Mauna Ā€ WĀ• kea by UH falls under Ms. Case. There is continued unethical behavior of staff members who fall under her leadership. I have many concerns with her decisions she has made while holding the important title as Chair of BLNR.

I do not believe Ms. Case has the best interest in our land and natural resources. Our LAND and NATURAL RESOURCES are in great jeopardy and we need someone who is going to protect and mā• lama our Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your time on this matter.

Aloha,

Malia L.K Marquez

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Submitted on: 4/14/2019 8:37:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Theodora Akau Gaspar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 11:25:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dee Green	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose the confirmation of Suzanne Case as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We need to have better leadership that insists upon following proper procedures and the law.

Under her leadership, revocable permits were renewed without determining whether permit fees were market-based, completing any environmental assessment, or evaluating the impact on traditional and customary practices of Native Hawaiians. She also initiated negotiations with the military on their efforts to renew leases for military training activities at PÅ• hakuloa and MÄ• kua despite tons of evidence that the military has not been complying with the conditions of those leases.

In addition, the BLNR under the direction of Suzanne Case invoked emergency rules regarding Mauna Kea and arrested protectors without following proper procedures for creating those rules. A circuit court judge had to later invalidate those rules. We need to do better for our community and the future of Hawai'i by holding Suzanne Case accountable and not allowing her to continue in this position.

Mahalo

From: [Beth Leeds](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: I oppose Suzanne Case as DLNR head
Date: Sunday, April 14, 2019 11:25:31 AM

Please add this testimony against Suzanne Case to head DLNR. She needs to be replaced!!!
Case=NO ALOHA!

LATE

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 4:55:47 PM
Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lopaka K Lonoaea	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

She not for our Aina she for the greedy corporation. She did do anything good for the land or the people of Hawai'i so with that said please move forward and pick someone else..

LATE

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 7:03:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nani pogline	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

As an activist for the culture and history of the people of Hawaii and vice-chair commissioner on the Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission, I oppose the re-nomination of Suzanne Case as DLNR Chair.

The DLNR has been entrusted to manage our public lands and natural resources. Under the watch of Suzanne Case, management has been primarily focused on Federal and private agendas. In her loyalty to the USFAW, Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, Three Mountain Alliance, and the many other private organizations, the cultural values and historical natural resources of Hawaii have been unlawfully disregarded. The DLNR has not fulfilled its duties. I have witnessed through the years an ever increasing distrust and resentment of the public towards the DLNR. As representing issues related to hunting, game resources, fishing, fishermen, and access to public land and sea, I have heard many bitter complaints. The DLNR has railroaded people of Hawaii, justifying actions with propaganda backed by slanted science. We have seen enough of fenced lands, the locking out of the public, natural resources eradicated into extinction, cultural and historical practices eliminated, and the rights of the local people drastically diminished. The county GMAC was established by a majority vote on the ballet, reflecting the choice of the public on the Big Island. Legislators, please serve the people who have elected you, and bring back some justice in government. Please vote to build back the trust of the public, and do not re-elect Suzanne Case.

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GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 7:11:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paula Alcoseba	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose Suzanne Case as Chair of DLNR. If what happened with the HB 1326 a.k.a the Water Theft Bill was any indication, she is unfit for this role. She clearly shows that she does not understand how things here in Hawai'i work and she ignores the will of the people. She is in bed with those with \$\$\$\$. PLEASE find someone else and reject Suzanne Case as Chair of DLNR, she will continue to destroy Hawaiian resources and culture. The people have no faith in her and obviously doesn't care about the conservation of our natural resources

LATE

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 8:39:08 PM
Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane de Vries	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators, Thank You for your work on the water issues.

Please do not confirm Suzanne Case to the position of Chair of BLNR, Chair of CWRM, or Director of DLNR. Her leadership does not warrant her continuing in those positions.

Thank You for your consideration,

Diane de Vries

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 9:04:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Hunt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I understand that, on Monday, 4/15, at 8:30am, Suzanne Case will be considered for confirmation of her position as Director of DLNR, Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) and Chair of the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM).

I am one of many who believe that our state desperately needs new leadership in this position. Ms. Case has made many decisions in the past that have increased conflict and crisis, and which demonstrate this need.

Most recently, Ms. Case's testimony revealed quite clearly that rather than comply with the law, the department has been advocating for a "pass" or exemption from following the law for another seven years - which does not benefit the public or improve our water management, but does benefit KIUC and Grove Farm who sells diverted public trust stream water to the County. Grove Farm also passes on the KIUC power bill for operation of the Waiahi surface water treatment plant to the County. Those water rates are some of the highest in the State.

The other fallout over HB 1326 (and SD1 and SD2) has been well publicized. The public's mass involvement in this process, and demands for restoring the legislatively mandated "PUBLIC TRUST" to our water management, should be clear indication to you that we need better leadership and management, more capable of doing this challenging job.

Further, Ms. Case could have - and should have done a much better job at predicting and preventing the current, public, legislative battle over HB 1326 and its SD1 and SD2 amendments. This has been brewing for YEARS and could have been prevented.

"Water is Life" is more than a nice slogan. It is an absolute truth - Sufficient quantities of clean water is a requirement for all life. And as such our water is our single most important concern. Intelligent leadership and management of our most precious resource is a uniquely important priority for our island home.

Hawaii needs and deserves excellent leadership and management skills and experiences - beyond what has been recently demonstrated. I urge you to NOT support this confirmation.

Thank you for hearing and considering my concerns and recommendation.

Aloha, Peace, Love, & Music

David Hunt, Honokaa, HI

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GM-608

Submitted on: 4/14/2019 10:43:48 PM
Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kahaka Patolo	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

You have been not efficient at your job. Our people have been suffering because of you. You don't deserve another failed leadership term. You are a disgrace to DLNR! You could have helped our people while you have the authority. You continue to prevent my people from living our traditional way of life. You support TMT. You have harassed my people and wrongfully arrested my name Kanaka maoli. You had your chance to make a difference? Instead you do the opposite. Stealing our resources while we can't grow anything because you illegally sold public water for \$62 million. You don't own the water. You could have worked with us but, you chose to fight against us. You are not qualified! You are a fraud and an evil person. Our lives are harder because of your leadership. Leave my na kanaka maoli alone! Return our stolen water so that we can grow food and medicine. You have failed and your time is up!

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GM-608

Submitted on: 4/15/2019 1:22:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clarence Ching	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Committee on Water and Land

Hearing: Monday, April 15, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Re: Opposition to Re-Nomination of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources of the so-called "State of Hawai'i"

Senators Kahele, Keith-Agaran, Nishihara, Riviere and Fevella,

COMES NOW Kupuna Clarence ku Ching, and for the numerous causes listed below, opposes the re-nomination of Suzanne Case as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources of the so-called "State of Hawai'i."

I. Ms. Suzanne Case does not exhibit the elevated qualities of professionalism that is necessary to fulfill the requirements of the position.

The legal notice and agenda for the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) meeting held on Friday, April 12, 2019, was defective,

The agendized legal notice labeled as E2 read as follows:

E2 - Requesting approval for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to rename the Mauna Kea Recreation Area (aka Mauna Kea State Recreation Area) to the

Gilbert Kahele Recreation Area, Mauna Kea Recreation Area, Mauna Kea Forest Reserve, **Kahoe**, IV, HÄ• mÄ• kua, Island and State of Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (3) 4-4-016: 003 (portion). (Emphasis added.) .

The agenda mistakenly (or mis-typed) listed the ahupua'a in which the action was/is to take place as "**Kahoe**." There is no place in the vicinity of the Mauna Kea Recreation Area named "**Kahoe**." The correct name should have been "**Kaohel**!" This mistake (or typographical error) was void ab initio and should have been corrected on a subsequent agenda to be legally correct.

This Kupuna (and Kupuna Aunty Maxine Kahaulelio) by written testimony called the Board's attention to this defect, and asked that the action be deferred to a later date.

In spite of the error (or mis-type) - and probably because of the arrogance of Ms. Case and the staff of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the proposed action was acted upon as if the agenda were correct. The ahupua'a, because of this mistake (mis-type) will now be in doubt as to its real, legal name. And it is this kind of callous disregard for the necessary exactness of these "legal" actions - that if riddled with mistakes - tends to vary the history and place names of a locale. It's plain old sloppy work like this example - that if not remedied - may forever be a taint in the legal record.

If we don't insist on correctness and truth - then the system may get bogged down with inconsistencies and sloppiness. This should not be allowed to happen. And staff people who cannot get things correct should not be allowed to maintain their positions in inferiority.

Ms. Case should NOT be re-nominated to the position of Chair of BLNR.

II. Suzanne Case is a possible violator of the "state's" rules on possible "conflict of interest."

Prior to her appointment as chair of the state land and natural resources, Suzanne Case worked for The Nature Conservancy and spent the last 14 years (roughly from 2001 to 2015), prior to her appointment as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) of the so-called "State of Hawaii," as the The Nature Conservancy's Hawaii Program's Executive Director. Her experience serving The Nature Conservancy covered nearly three decades, during which time she managed major land acquisitions, community restoration initiatives and many other projects related to land and resource preservation in the state of Hawaii.

The Nature Conservancy, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, agreed to buy Palmyra Island, roughly a thousand miles south-easterly from Honolulu in 2000.

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation granted Nature Conservancy's Palmyra Acquisition PRI beginning in April 2002 - \$10,000,000 for a 48 month period

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation granted Nature Conservancy's Palmyra Atoll Project beginning in Feb 2004 - \$2,350,000 for a 15 month period.

These two Moore Foundation grants to Nature Conservancy Hawaii, totaling \$12,350,000, were transacted in 2002 and 2004, while Suzanne Case was Program's Executive Director for Nature Conservancy. Is there any doubt that Suzanne Case had NO personal contacts with the Foundation's principles during this period. In fact, the Moore's made at least one physical trip to Palmyra Atoll that was hosted by Nature Conservancy and its Executive Director.

Beginning on Oct. 2008 and extending to Nov 2013, the Moore Foundation made identical grants to University of California (Board of Regents) and California Institute for Technology for the Thirty Meter Telescope Early Construction Phase, totaling \$91.5 Million, as follows:

Oct 2008 . \$15 M for 29 months

Sep 2010 . \$ 7.5 M for 15 months

Dec 2011 . \$ 7.5 M for 15 months

Nov 2012 . \$7.5 M for 13 months

Nov 2013 . \$8.25 M for 12 months

Suzanne Case, who, during the period from 2008 to 2013 was by now, I believe, a personal friend of Gordon and Betty Moore - principles of the Moore Foundation. And being Chair of BLNR, Ms. Case had a "conflict of interest" in all votes regarding the Conservation District Use Permit of the Thirty Meter Telescope. In my knowledge, Ms. Case never - at all times, during all deliberations of BLNR regarding the Thirty Meter Telescope - NEVER declared a "conflict of interest" - not even a POSSIBLE "conflict of interest." And, if anything, should have recused herself from taking any part in formal decision making.

There was a narrow opportunity to question Ms. Case under oath during the TMT contested case hearing - but because there was a "no discovery" rule in place, performing "discovery" on Ms. Case and/or to question her under oath on the stand would have been difficult.

III. Suzanne Case, in her capacity as Chair of Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) irregularly supported Mauna Kea Emergency Rule I (there was a frenzy of emergency rules that were slapped together at the time of Mauna Kea confrontations taking place in 2015) that was promulgated in compliance with statutory rules for rule-making, but which rule incorporated artificial facts, was sloppily constructed violated constitutionally-protected Native Hawaiian rights. Emergency Rule I was challenged in the Circuit Court, found to be defective, and rescinded and/or revoked. Suzanne Case showed poor judgment by supporting such an irregular rule such as Emergency Rule 1 that was surely defective.

Emergency Rule I was suggested by OMKM, I'm sure, in consultation with Suzanne Case and staff of DLNR and an attempt to follow required administrative rule-making took place. This rule was promulgated under the "Hunters' Rules" of DLNR. The rule was obviously defective - as most "Protectors" could not even remotely be legally-defined as hunters. Anyway, this rule was promulgated to be effective only on Mauna Kea and generally restricted any person from riding in a motor vehicle one mile on each side of the Mauna Kea Access Road (except it did not specify "Mauna Kea Access Road" or John A. Burns Way (the legal names of the road, the name used being a non-existent and fictitious name) at night from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. It also outlawed possession of tents, sleeping bags, cooking utensils, and propane stoves.

Emergency Rule I was thrown out in a Circuit Court legal challenge. This "rule" was, among other things, generally focused on curtailing the long-standing constitutionally-protected night-time practices of spiritual, cultural and religious practitioners - practices which are actually mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution (and precedent court cases) for governmental agencies to support and advocate for.

Suzanne Case's lack of good judgment to support such a silly rule that ignored important safety rules and was unconstitutional. Her failure to support the Hawaii State Constitution and the Admissions Act by her short-sighted and irrational performance disqualifies her from being re-nominated.

IV. Suzanne Case, in her capacity as Chair of Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) irregularly supported Mauna Kea Emergency Rule II that was promulgated not in compliance with statutory rules for administrative rule-making, but which rule was enforced by DOCARE - under the ultimate supervision of Suzanne Case. To institute a rule that did not comply with statutory rules shows a gross lack of good judgment and a morality gone sour. Not only was Emergency Rule II immoral - it was a complete rejection of statutory rule-making rules, and totally unconstitutional.

The illegally promulgated rule was to limit cultural, spiritual and religious practitioners to ascend the mountain only at 1 p.m. on a daily basis, limited to no more than 10 in the group and that they were required to be accompanied both up and down the mountain by one of OMKM's rangers, with the total visit not exceeding 1 hour. While practitioners were able to be accommodated on most of the days during the life of the rule, there were days when there were no accommodation - and no ascents took place on those days.

A letter from attorney, Mr. Na'iwi Wurdeman, representing affected practitioners that complained about the irregular attempt at managing the mountain, and threatened suit, and a federal lawsuit was filed by another attorney (Mr. Lanny Sinkin) - before this irregular, unlawful and un-constitutional rule was discontinued, and the lawsuit rendered moot. Link to Mr. Wurdeman's letter is <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/mk/files/2017/01/B.19c-Douglas-Chin-Letter.pdf>

While this kind of illegal rule-making was allowed and supported by Suzanne Case is abhorrent. Not only was she assumed to have conspired to take part in its promulgation, the seriousness of such an invalid travesty of the law cannot be tolerated.

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V. Suzanne Case, in her capacity as Chair of Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) irregularly supported the untimely and ill-advised closing of the Mauna Kea Visitor Station after June 24, 2015. The bottom line of this action is that the Visitor Information Station, with the closure of all restrooms in the building, and all porta-potties in the area - that this action broke all rules of acceptable human behavior and turned the surrounding area into a public restroom. This action, in my belief, was the low point in the administration and management of Mauna Kea in recent times. That Suzanne Case would succinctly support such detrimental human behavior is unconscionable. She should have been fired on the spot.

The closure of the Visitors' Station and all restrooms in the area was truly unfortunate. This ploy was supposedly designed to get the "Protectors" off the mountain. While the Hawaiian Visitors Bureau encourages tourists to come to the islands - and the mountain - the visitors were seemingly sabotaged because of the intentional, but ill-advised termination of restroom facilities. However, visitors kept coming despite the fact that the Station was closed. The "Protectors" brought up a couple of portable toilets and invited visitors to use them. Before long, warning letters came from DLNR, ultimately in charge of and supervised by Suzanne Case, instructing the "Protectors" that the un-authorized toilets were illegal - and fines threatened. In compliance, the un-authorized toilets were taken down.

As can be expected, the entire area became a common bathroom for many - becoming a health, visual and odoriferous hazard - and a crime against humanity and the sacred mountain. Such criminal behavior cannot be ignored - and responsibility and integrity can only be restored by the dismissal of Suzanne Case.

CONCLUSION

The examples of failure of Suzanne Case to adequately perform her job as Chair of BLNR can only be followed up by having her replaced by a competent person who follows the rules, exhibits good common sense, and is sensitive to his/her adequate compliance of appropriate human standards of performance. It is easily concluded that Suzanne Case has not performed her job adequately.

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Submitted on: 4/14/2019 9:19:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eliel Starbright	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am not sure that Suzanne Case is the one to bring about the changes that are needed. She has ignored concerns raised by community members — displaying, at times, an arrogant intolerance of any criticism of DLNR

LATE

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/15/2019 8:06:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mikiala Lidstone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the confirmation of SUZANNE D. CASE.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on
Water and Land

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

Monday, April 15, 2019
8:30 a.m.

LATE

Testimony on **Governor's Message No. 608**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the **Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Suzanne D. Case**, for a Term to Expire on December 31, 2022.

To the Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair, the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Suzanne Case to serve as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Over the last four years, I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Case on matters relating to energy, climate change, and other matters that crossed our jurisdictions. During that process, I observed Ms. Case to be incredibly intelligent, diligent, and collaborative in her approach to her work. She regularly pushed us to offer our best, most aspirational plans when it was time to plan for our use of renewable energy. Ms. Case demonstrated she possesses the skills and tenacity needed to lead the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I firmly believe Ms. Case will continue to be a valued and highly productive public servant, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of her nomination as Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to support G.M. No. 608. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.

LATE

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/15/2019 9:21:51 AM
Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Murphy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support the reappointment of Suzanne Case as the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. DLNR has many problems and I see no evidence that Suzanne Case has solved any of them. In fact, during her current term, a DLNR employee was found to be using DLNR equipment (jet skis) to run a personal business. That is corruption to the core. New leadership is needed.

LATE

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/15/2019 11:38:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Marshall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Suzanne Case has made our PUBLIC Hawaiian forests EXCLUSIVE to CORPORATIONS and her "environmental" NON-Hawaiian friends. She is slowly selling Conservation District kuleana to private corporations (or ignoring violations committed) ie. A&B, Coca-Cola Watershed. She just hired Trailheads Labs Inc to create a website for the world to access public Hawaiian forests for HUNTING and HIKING, but will arrest an Hawaiian under ARMED threat who is unarmed, praying, protecting sacred sites or a local subsistence hunter FEEDING his family who has one too many helpers without a license! She has MILITARIZED the DOCARE-DOFAW DLNR CONSERVATION Officers against HUMAN BEINGS!!! Under her guidance, she has encouraged and nurtured an atmosphere of disdain and scorn towards public testifiers who disagree with the corporate interest which translates into her board being disrespectful and even MOCK public testifiers. This arrogant, contemptuous behavior creates a staff who is confident in calling out the PUBLIC protectors terrorists! bgonsam

LATE

GM-608

Submitted on: 4/15/2019 10:07:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo, I am from Papakālea, O'ahu, but currently reside in Kaimukā. I am a lifelong resident, masters student at UHM in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and Native Hawaiian. I am in STRONG OPPOSITION of this nominee.

I believe Hawai'i needs more vigilant and proactive/active leaders who are willing to do whatever is necessary to protect Hawaii's natural resources. This candidate lacks decision making skills and ethics in her history of supporting the development on Maunakea with the TMT project. We need leaders in DLNR who are conscious about the detrimental effects that will happen with the land, water, air, etc. There is a lot happening right now and we need leaders who are willing for change and willing to cooperate and looking at different knowledge sources and not be persuaded by money or capitalist ventures.

me ke aloha 'Āina,

Nanea Lo

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GM-608

Submitted on: 4/15/2019 11:50:17 AM
Testimony for WTL on 4/15/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Acasio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Testimony on Suzanne Case (Chair) - GM 608

My name is Bill Sides and I have been trying to meet the SHPD archeological requirements (AIS) for subdividing a small piece of property in Hana. It has been over 8 years and it has still not been completed. It should have been completed within 8 months not 8 years. Documents at one point were lost for over a year. Personnel have come and gone as well. It is absurd what is going on at SHPD. SHPD is understaffed and underpaid. You create an understanding and working relationship with a person at SHPD and then that person leaves. Then you have to start all over with someone that wants everything different. I have tried to do the right thing and meet the state requirements. The archeologist we hired was listed on the state web site, but found out later was not qualified to do the work. The whole system at both the DLNR and SHPD are broken from the top to the bottom and everyone knows it. So I ask you, that if the buck stops at the top isn't it time to replace the leadership at the top.

Bill Sides